

24. (New) A method as claimed in claim 23 including using a tape (30) that is an elastic tape.

25. (New) A method as claimed in claim 23 including using a tape (30, 32) that is a rigid tape.

26. (New) A method as claimed in claim 23 including attaching the tape (30, 32) adjacent one edge (28) of the composite.

27. (New) A method as claimed in claim 23 including attaching the tape (38) in the central region of the composite.

28. (New) A method as claimed in claim 27 including forming the composite as part of a collar and attaching additional tapes (38) adjacent the lateral edges.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method of making a fabric composite capable to assuming a desired shape including the steps of forming an interlining fabric (10) containing elastic yarn (15) running longitudinally of the fabric, varying the density of yarn across the width of the interlining to control the longitudinal extensibility across the width, and attaching the interlining to a fabric backing material (12).